

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WESTFORD
WARRANT**

Middlesex, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,

GREETINGS:

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Abbot School Gymnasium at Depot Street on the following date:

Monday October 20, 2008

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following Articles, Viz:

FINANCIAL

- ARTICLE 1: **FY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations.** *Town Manager*
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate various sums in order to supplement operating budgets for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009;

Or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 2: **FY 2009 Budget Transfers.** *Town Manager*
To see if the Town will vote to transfer various sums between and among various accounts for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009;

Or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 3: **Appropriation to Capital Stabilization Fund.** *Town Manager*
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds to a Capital Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5B, for the specific purpose of providing funding for future capital costs;

Or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 4: **Reduce Amount Raised by Taxes in Fiscal Year 2009** *Finance Committee*
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds and direct the Assessors to reduce the net amount to be raised by taxation for Fiscal Year 2009;

Or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: **Authorization of Debt for Senior Center Renovations and Construction.**

Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,000,000 (SIX MILLION DOLLARS) to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for renovations and an addition to the current Cameron Senior Center and any other related costs; and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(3) and 7 (3A), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefore; said appropriation to be excluded from the provisions of proposition two and one half (2 ½), so called, as approved by the vote taken at the Special Town Election on September 4, 2007;

Or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: **Development of Site 7, Country Road Well Replacement**

Water Commissioners

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$750,000 (SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) to be expended under the direction of the Water Commissioners, to pay for the costs of developing a replacement well at Country Road, and any other related costs, and that to meet this appropriation, authorize the use of Water Enterprise Free Cash and/or the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 8(5) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore;

Or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: **Installation of Water Main on Route 40**

Town Manager

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, to be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof for the purpose of installing a Water Main on Route 40 including costs incidental and related thereto; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain certain rights in fee or by easement on properties located at 97 Groton Road (Map 35 Parcel 104) and 95 Groton Road (Map 34 Parcel 25-2) including obtaining secure permanent or temporary Water easements, for the purpose of construction and maintenance of a Water Main and services on Groton Road;

Or act in relation thereto.

CPA FUNDS

ARTICLE 8: **Community Preservation Committee Recommendations** *Community Preservation Committee*

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendations of the Westford Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate a sum of money from Community Preservation Funds;

Or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9: **Engineering and Design of Town Hall Renovation and Addition** *Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, pursuant to any applicable statute, for the design, engineering, cost estimates, preparation of construction bid documents, and any other related costs for renovations and/or an addition to the current Town Hall;

Or act in relation thereto.

STATUTORY DESIGNATION

ARTICLE 10: **Trench Safety Regulations – Designation of Permitting Authority** *Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82A, Section 2, to authorize the Board of Selectmen as the means by which the Town shall designate the Board or Officer to issue permits for the purpose of making a trench excavation, as set out in M.G.L. c. 82A, Section 4 and 520 CMR 14.00, and to perform any obligations pursuant to the terms of said statute and regulations;

Or act in relation thereto.

STREET ACCEPTANCES

ARTICLE 11: **Allie Lane (from station 0+00 to end) & Lindsey Lane (from station 0+00 to 8+40.29)** *Citizen Petition*

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 21, to accept Lindsey Lane (approximately 680 feet long) and a portion of Allie Lane (approximately 840 feet long (beginning at Groton Road for a distance of 840 feet)) as town public ways as shown by the report and plan duly filed with the Town Clerk and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed to the Town of the said ways;

Or act in relation thereto.

LAND USE

ARTICLE 12: Stepinski Parcel Subdivision, Change of Use and Transfer Plan

Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to subdivide, change the use, and transfer portions of the so-called Stepinski property, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15A; the proposed subdivision of the approximately 110 acre (+/-) Stepinski property is shown on a plan filed in the Town Clerk's office entitled "Plan of Land in Westford, MA", dated April 2008, prepared by David E. Ross Associates, Inc., Civil Engineers, Land Surveyors; the property is to be subdivided and the care, custody and control transferred from the Board of Selectmen and the use changed as follows:

- (a) Parcel "A", approximately 30.7 acres (+/-) as shown on said plan is transferred to the care, custody and control of the Westford Water Commission for the purpose of developing and protecting a future public water supply well;
- (b) Parcel "B", approximately 15 acres (+/-) as shown on said plan is transferred to the care, custody and control of the Westford Recreation Commission to be used permanently for the purpose of active recreation use pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter. 45, Section 14, , as it may be from time to time amended, and subject to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution;
- (c) Parcel "C", approximately 65.1 acres (+/-) as shown on said plan is transferred to the care, custody and control of the Westford Conservation Commission to be used permanently for open space and conservation purposes pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and subject to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution:

And further authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey deeds, easements, and restrictions in accordance with this vote,

Or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy thereof at the Town Hall, The Millennium School, The J.V. Fletcher Library, and at each Post Office in said Town of Westford at least fourteen (14) days prior to the time of holding said meeting.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 23rd of September 2008.

Robert Jefferies (Chair)

Jim Sullivan (Vice-Chair)

Valerie Wormell (Clerk)

Nancy Rosinski

Kelly Ross

**TRUE COPY
ATTEST:**

Constable of Westford

DATE:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SERVED THE FORGOING WARRANT BY POSTING A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY THEREOF AT THE TOWN HALL, THE J.V. FLETCHER LIBRARY, AND AT EACH POST OFFICE IN THE SAID TOWN OF WESTFORD AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF HOLDING SAID MEETING.